

REMARKS

Applicant hereby traverses the outstanding objection and rejections, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the remarks contained herein. Claims 21-44 are pending in this application.

Doubling Patenting

Claims 21-44 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,681,089 B2.

In response to the rejection, Applicant has included a Terminal Disclaimer that is believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b).

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections should be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks and arguments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

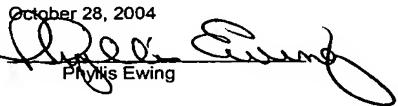
Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10013566-4, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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